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Declassification of Army Document re: "Project Adam "

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1. DoD has forwarded the attached document to us in hopes of declassifying it under Systematic Review. CRD feels that the CIA interest ( paragraphs 4 & 5 ) is pretty general and certainly outdated, and would agree to declassification, except that we know of no Agency Manned Space Program, nor of any "Project Adam". Can you help?

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\* We have been unable to come up with any abstracts or files relating to Project Adam. Agree that this is now outdated and we have no objection to declassification, however, Believe that under the NFIP, amounts of money being referred to, is protected at least at the Secret level. Suggest DOD check that out as related to Para # 6.

\*Further and final check did produce one document, MR, dtd 25 Jun 58, Para #2, copy attached for your Info - destroy when no longer needed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Project "ADAM"

1. For some time the Army has been working on the development proposal for Project "ADAM," which will carry a man into space and return him safely to earth by the end of CY 59. This achievement will be of great importance to the international position of the United States, -- not only politically and psychologically, but also it will provide psyche-physiological and bio-medical data of importance to all the military services and to the civilian scientific community.

2. The proposed program is based upon proven components and standard techniques. It represents the safest and most reliable means of accomplishing at an early date the vital objective of launching a man into space and returning him safely to earth.

3. On 16 May 1958 the Army forwarded this proposal to the Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency with the recommendation that ARPA approve and provide funds for its immediate initiation. On 26 June 1958, Mr. Johnson stated that ARPA does not classify Project "ADAM" as a space project and therefore cannot provide the funds. He stated also that he would be happy if other means could be found to finance this project. This was confirmed in his memorandum of 11 July 1958.

4. On 14 July 1958, the Army was informed by Mr. Allen W. Dulles that the Central Intelligence Agency is interested in long-range follow-on applications of the "ADAM" techniques and would support an Army and Department of Defense effort to obtain Presidential approval of this project through the Operations Coordinating Board.

5. As you know, agreed-upon intelligence estimates credit the Soviets with the capability of returning a man-carrying capsule from an earth orbit by 1960 and some estimates indicate that this may be done by them as early as 1959. The Soviets have stated also the successful recovery of animals carried in ballistic missiles. Technically, this means that the Soviets have the capability of demonstrating the successful transport of man by rocket vehicle in the near future, possibly within the next year.

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6. Project "ADAM" requires \$9.0 million in FY 1959 funds and \$2.5 million in FY 1960 funds if the original time schedule (first manned trip by December 1959) is to be achieved. The required FY 1959 funds were not included in the Army FY 1959 budget inasmuch as this proposal postdates the submission of that budget, nor could they be absorbed within the Army budget without eliminating or curtailing other high priority programs. I feel, however, that this program is of sufficiently great importance to the Department of Defense and the Nation to justify the expenditure of Department of Defense funds.

7. I therefore recommend that you initiate action to obtain Presidential approval of Project "ADAM" through the Operations Coordinating Board. If approved by Operations Coordinating Board, I request that your office provide the Army the authority and funds required for immediate initiation.

*Wilber M. Brucker.*

Wilber M. Brucker  
Secretary of the Army

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25 June 1958

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 25 June 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray,  
Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter, Mr. Roy Johnson, Dr. Killian,  
Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Strauss, Mr. Staats

1. Mr. Allen's Impressions of the Brussels Exposition

Mr. Allen reported on his impressions of the American display at the Brussels Exposition. He said that on the whole he felt the effort had been well conceived and effectively executed and that the overall impact was quite good. He did feel that the controversial exhibition on racial integration in the U. S. , entitled "Unfinished Business," was not a particularly effective vehicle to promote an understanding abroad of life in the United States. He said it was planned to rotate exhibits of this kind periodically and at the next appropriate time this particular display could be withdrawn without undue fanfare.

2. Outer Space

Most of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of U. S. objectives and plans for development of outer space programs. Dr. Killian and Mr. Johnson gave a summary of their current thinking on these matters and solicited the views of the Board.

Particular attention was given to the proposed "Adam Project," which provides for sending a human being into space and returning him to earth. It was agreed that if it were possible for the U. S. to mount a project of this kind before the Russians do it, it would have great psychological value around the world. Some doubt was expressed, however, as to whether there is much chance of this

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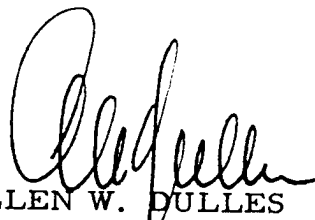
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happening. Mr. Johnson said that he felt the justification for giving high priority to the Adam Project should rest on military rather than strictly scientific grounds. He said that it is anticipated that at such time as the project might appear technically feasible it will be fitted into the military program.

The group confirmed its understanding that the 12-foot inflatable satellite is scheduled for October 1958 and the 100-foot satellite for March 1959.

3. Resignation of Mr. Cutler

The Board noted that Mr. Cutler's resignation, effective July 21, has been publicly announced along with the designation of Mr. Gray to succeed him.

  
ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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